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FROM THE CHAIR

One of most most inspiring and rewarding experiences as music department chairperson is to witness a superb interpretation of great music as performed by our students. On November 24, the choirs and orchestra of the Music Department, under the baton of guest conductor Dr. Fiora Contino, gave such a magnificent performance of the Bach St. John Passion to standing-room-only. For all of us here, it was one more evidence of the fine training that our students are receiving both from our faculty and from guest artists who bring fresh insights to us all. In the minds of some, the needs of a music department and the intensive training which our students must receive to perform works such as the Bach are not fully understood. One of my primary jobs as chairperson is to continually reinforce the fact of this need. Only with the fine faculty and students of this music department can we continue to offer to the University and to the surrounding region performances which inspire and enrich the lives of all...and continue the nurture of music education at its finest.

I read an article recently about a doctor who is becoming more and more convinced of the importance of music in healing - he is discovering what we all know: MUSIC IS IMPORTANT TO LIFE!

Dr. Kent Hill
Chairperson
Music Department

Nine students from MU have been selected as participants in the 39th Annual Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band to be held at Elizabethtown College March 14, 15, and 16. They are Candy McDermott, clarinet; Larry Kuntz, trumpet; Bobbi Spencer, horn; Dan Boone, trombone; Joanne Zimmerman and Harold Mortimer, euphoniums; Kevin Weibley and Bernard Harvard, tubas; and Bonnie Jenkins, percussion. Those who may be in the Harrisburg area may wish to attend the concert which will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, in Thompson Center on the Elizabethtown campus.

The MU Concert Choir will present its spring concert on Sunday, April 27, 1986 at 3:00 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The admission free performance is open to the public. This annual event will be the culmination of a three day tour through the western twin tiers of New York and Pennsylvania which will see the choir performing in the Pennsylvania communities of Bradford, Corry and Ulysses and in Allegany, Franklinville, Friendship, Corning and Olean, New York. The final concert of the tour will be in the acoustically remarkable chapel on the campus of St. Bonaventure, NY where the choir performed a memorable concert in December of 1979. The spring repertoire includes works by Charles Ives, C.V. Stanford, Thomas Weelkes, Gerald Finzi, Jacques Offenbach, Norman Lockwood, Daniel Pinkham and an original composition entitled "Genealogy" by choir member Jerry Hartman, a graduate assistant in the music department from Schuylkill Haven, PA. Russel Shelley of Friendship, NY, is graduate assistant conductor of the choir and Lisa Hartman, yet another graduate assistant from Elmira, NY is featured soloist. Nancy Seiler, graduate assistant in piano is accompanist for the choir. Associate professor David J. Dick is in his nineteenth year as conductor of the organization.

ANNUAL H.S. CHORAL FESTIVAL

Hundreds of high school choral singers will descend on Butler Music Center on February 26, 27 & 28 when M.U. hosts its fourth annual High School Choral Festival. The general format of the event is non-competitive and features separate performances by each visiting chorus which is recorded simultaneously with a clinician's comments and suggestions for improvement. Following each performance, the clinician will personally work with the choir and director on the music just performed. Teachers and students alike have been enthusiastic in describing the experience as informal, informative, educational and fun. Clinician for the 1986 festival is Mr. Donald Bube of Jamestown, NY, formerly Director of Choral Activities at Ithaca College.

The Mansfield Brass Quintet was blessed with excellent weather while on its Winter Tour. The fab-five played concerts at Berwick High School, Wilkes College, Lake Lehman High School, Wyoming Valley West High School, Coughlin High School, Chenango Valley High School and Johnson City High School from January 13-15.

The quintet's winter tour repertoire included works by East, Pezel, Mann, Ewald, Friderich, Tull, Bach, Blake, Morton and Gillis.

On January 12 the quintet performed during morning services and gave an afternoon concert at Calvary United Methodist Church in Harrisburg. Mrs. Ada Mae Saxton, Judy's mom was most gracious in providing meals and lodging. Judy will be student teaching this semester and the quintet will engage the services of Larry Kuntz, a junior majoring in Music Education. Judy will be missed as she was able to grow into the job so well over the past two years. The faculty members of the quintet: Michael Galloway, trumpet; David Borsheim, horn; Stephen McEuen, trombone and Donald Stanley, tuba would like to hear from alums. The MBQ is booking concert dates for this spring and next fall.

The M.U. Wind Ensemble hosted an open rehearsal for members of the PMEA District 8 Band on Saturday, February 8, in Steadman Theatre. The high school students were invited to "sit in" with members of the wind ensemble as they worked on the district band program. Approximately 80 high school students and their directors attended.

The Wind Ensemble will perform two concerts this semester. On Thursday, March 13, they will present a "Pops Concert" at 1:00 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. These programs have become quite popular with area schools bringing their music students.

On Sunday, May 4, the wind ensemble will present their formal concert at 3:00 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. Mrs. Jolyne Jeffers, a member of the music department voice faculty, will be featured soloist. She will perform several arias from operas of the Romantic Period with the wind ensemble accompanying.

David J. Dick, associate professor of music, will appear as conductor of The Thompkins County (N.Y.) Choral Festival on March 6, 7 & 8, 1986. One of the four previous occasions during which he served as a guest conductor in that locale was an Area All State Chorus Festival on the campus of Ithaca College, his alma mater, in November, 1975. Mr. Dick recently appeared as conductor of The P.M.E.A. District IV Chorus in East Juniata, Pa. He will be the featured speaker for the annual music department banquet of the Jermyn High School (Pa.) in May of 1986.

Dr. Fred Kersten has received notice that several of his articles, texts and monographs have been accepted for publication in the near future. The "Iowa Music Educator" magazine will publish his article, "Preparing For The Substitute: It's Your Responsibility" in September of 1986. Music Education For The Handicapped, Inc. has chosen his paper on a related subject to be included in a newly released book. Also, under the auspices of The Goldwater Memorial Hospital in New York City, a soon to be published text on learners with exceptional qualities will contain his work along with that of eleven other noted authorities from The United States and Europe. A singular honor was recently bestowed on Dr. Kersten with his selection to read a paper at the 1986 convention of The Music Educator's National Conference to be held in Anaheim, California in April.

Daniel Neville (Music) attended the National Association of Jazz Educators national in-service conference Jan. 8-12 in Anaheim, CA. The conference included special performances by select HS, college and professional jazz groups as well as clinics and information sessions. As part of the same trip, Mr. Neville also visited Baylor University in Waco, TX as a guest artist/lecturer in saxophone. His Jan. 16 stop included a short performance of contemporary music as well as a master class with several Baylor saxophonists playing works of Desenclos, Glazounov and LaCour. Mr. Neville is also scheduled to perform a recital and master class at Youngstown (OH) State University on Feb. 25 and a Mar. 18 recital in Steadman Theatre at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Angeline Schmid, associate professor of music, presented another recital in tribute to J.S. Bach on February 9, 1986. Her performance included Bach's "Aria with 30 Variations" [The "Goldberg" Variations]. Also performed were a group of Scarlatti Sonatas and music by the Spanish composer, Isaac Albeniz.

Donald Stanley, professor of music and director of bands at MU will serve as guest conductor of the Steuben County High School Band in Bath, New York on March 21 and 22. He will also be serving as an adjudicator at several band festivals later this spring beginning April 25 & 26 in Niagara Falls, N.Y. He will be judging concert bands in Hershey, PA. on May 16 & 17, on May 30 and 31, and again on June 6. On June 7 he will adjudicate at the Sherberne Band Pageant in New York state.

Mr. Stanley also attended the Eastern Division Conference of the College Band Directors National Association at Temple University February 27, 28 and March 1. As president of the Eastern Division, he was actively involved in planning the conference as well. From March 5 thru the 8th he attended the annual convention of the American Bandmasters Association at Oklahoma City and was able to spend time with two former Mansfield band directors who are also members of the association, Bertram Francis and George Howard.

Dick Talbot, professor of music, has been nominated for inclusion in the 1986 edition of Who's Who in American Music, N.Y. Since his retirement from the Mountie marching and symphonic bands, Dick has been responsible for the development of the Music Merchandising program at Mansfield. Along with these duties, he has also been Coordinator of International Admission for the university for the past three years. Dick has also been cited in the International Who's Who in Music, London, GB.

ANNUAL HS JAZZ FESTIVAL

The fifth annual MU High School Jazz Festival will take place on April 11, 1986 in the Butler Music Center. Invitations have been extended to HS jazz bands and vocal jazz ensembles throughout PA and NY. This year's event is a NAJE approved event with awards to include a NAJE scholarship to a one week NAJE sanctioned summer jazz program. Performances by the visiting groups will be featured from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. as well as many clinics and sessions for students the directors. The events will culminate in a 7 p.m. evening concert featuring the MU 2 o'clock Jazz Band with guest soloists John Mastroianni (sax) and Ray Kase ('bone). Mr. Kase has also been commissioned to write an original chart just for the festival. This will be followed by a featured performance of the Ithaca College Vocal Jazz Ensemble under the direction of David Riley. This group has toured extensively during its 12 year history, has produced two albums and will be featured at the 1986 Montreaux Jazz Festival. Anyone desiring more information should contact Mr. Daniel Neville, director, MU Jazz Festival '86.

SUMMER JAZZ WORKSHOP

The first Mansfield University Summer Jazz Workshop will take place June 2-6, 1986 in the Butler Music Center. The workshop, under the direction of MU instructor Daniel Neville, will feature the world famous jazz drummer Joe Morello and his Quintet as resident artists. His Quintet includes: Dick Oates, sax; Jim Powell, trumpet; Gary Dial, piano; Gary Mazzaropi, bass; and Joe Morello, drums.

Besides daily sessions with the artists, the workshop will include daily 'open' playing sessions, various jazz ensembles and nightly concerts. The workshop will culminate on Friday, June 6, with an 8 p.m. concert by the Joe Morello Quintet. The MU Summer Jazz Workshop will also be available for one graduate or undergraduate credit. For more information contact Mr. Daniel Neville, MU Music Department.

This is a busy semester for the MU Jazz Ensembles. Besides the annual HS Jazz Festival on April 11 events include:

Feb. 21, 7-8:30 p.m. - Opening festivities in 'Zanzibar' for alumni Winter Weekend.

Mar. 4 - Concerts and clinics at Bishop McDevitt and Susquehanna Township High Schools in Harrisburg.

March 12, 8:30 p.m. - Concert in Steadman Theater with guest artist Dave Mancini.

April 19 - College Jazz Festival at SUNY at Morrisville.

May 2 - Concert in Steadman.

SPRING MUSICAL EVENTS

February			
21	Dr. John Little, Faculty Piano	8:00	
22	Orin Jacobs, Bassoon	3:00	
23	Kevin Weibley, Tuba, & Larry Kuntz, Trumpet	3:00	
26, 27, 28 High School Choral Festival			
March			
5, 6, 7, 8 Spring Musical - <u>Pajama Game</u>			
	Straughn		
7	Chamber Music Recital	8:00	
9	Mr. & Mrs. Robert James Percussion Recital (Faculty)	3:00	
11	Orchestra Youth Concert	1:00	
12	Jazz Band Concert with Dave Mancini	8:00	
13	M. U. Concert Wind Ensemble	1:00	
15	Barbara Winters, Senior Voice	3:00	
15	Karen Y. Lucas, Graduate Trumpet	8:00	
16	Dr. William M. Goode, Faculty Piano	3:00	
17	Chamber Music	8:00	
18	Orchestra Festival	All Day	
18	Mr. Daniel Neville, Faculty Saxophone	8:00	
19, 20, 21 Concert Band Festival			
All Day			
April			
1	M.U. Saxophone Quartet	8:00	
4	Weekley & Organbright, Guest Pianists	8:00	
5	Ned. D. Gladfelter, Senior Clarinet	1:00	
5	Mansfieldians - 2 shows	7 & 9	
6	Cynthia L. Van Ord, Graduate Flute	3:00	
6	Russell Shelley, Graduate Voice	8:00	
7	James Umble, Fine Arts Series Saxophone	8:00	
10	Butler & Geyer - Fine Arts Series Trumpets	8:00	
11	Jazz Festival	8AM-10PM	
12	Yvonne Glass, Piano & Parris Hall, Piano	3:00	
13	Michael Crist - Fine Arts Series Trombone (tentative)	7:30	
18	Orchestra Concert	8:00	
19	Anthony Yadzinski, Senior Voice	3:00	
19	Angelo Mecca, Graduate Voice	8:00	
20	Symphonic Band Concert	3:00	
22	Honors Convocation	12:15-2:30	
26	Scott Becker, Senior Trombone	3:00	
27	Concert Choir	3:00	
27	Percussion Ensemble Concert	8:00	
28	Chamber Music	8:00	
May			
2	Jazz Band Concert	8:00	
3	Jenny Leming, Senior Piano Recital	3:00	
4	Wind Ensemble Concert	3:00	
4	Nancy Seiler, Graduate Piano	8:00	
6	Composition Recital	8:00	
9	Lisa Hartman, Graduate Voice	8:00	